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The Constitution of the United States provides every citizen with certain rights relating to private ownership of property. The Fifth Amendment states that citizens shall not "...be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." Although zoning laws impact the use of private property, since the early 20th century the U.S. Supreme Court consistently has ruled that zoning laws are constitutionally permissible if they advance the interests of public health, safety or general welfare and are not arbitrary or unreasonable. Consequently, zoning laws are the primary tool for cities to legally control land use and development for the common good.

Cottonwood Heights' zoning regimen must also comply with the statutory framework specified by the Utah Legislature in the "Municipal Land Use, Development and Management Act" ("LUDMA"). Zoning decisions that are not permitted by LUDMA are improper, will subject the city to significant liability,

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Providing effective citizen input

and will be overturned by the courts if challenged.

A primary function of any City is to balance the rights of all property owners in land use matters as permitted by the Constitution and State Statute. Resolving these types of issues is the duty of the Planning Commission and/or the City Council. These are often emotionally charged issues. When such issues arise, it is important to understand the processes and legal limitations imposed on the City in order to provide effective public comment.

Many believed that by incorporating we could dictate land use policy within the City and prevent undesirable development from occurring. Assuming all could even agree on what constitutes an "undesirable" development, constitutional and state law still prevent the City from acting arbitrarily or without due process. What incorporation did accomplish was to place responsibility for land use decisions in the hands of local elected officials, accountable to and more easily accessed by their local constituencies. We believe such representation better reflects the local attitudes and desires relating to land use within our community.

It is not uncommon for citizens to have concerns about various plans for development of property within the

city. It is important to know, however, that the laws that sometimes protect an "undesirable" development are the same laws that protect each citizen who owns private property. What chaos there would be if a property owner's right to build on his property required the majority of neighbors to approve the plans. Such arbitrariness is legally prohibited. Concerns must be focused on the public health, safety and general welfare, not personal preference.

For instance, stopping Check City from opening on the corner of Highland and Fort Union was viewed by many as a desirable land use decision. However, as the legal owners of the property, Check City was permitted under the zoning laws to open shop. We may not like that outcome, but it was a permitted use under the property's zoning. Any attempt to actively block them from opening would have resulted in severe legal and financial consequences to the City.

Likewise, many citizens opposed the Wasatch Office project of three office buildings proposed for the East side of Wasatch Blvd between Bengal and Fort Union. However, zoning granted by the County prior to incorporation restricted our options to only imposing limitations. Ultimately, the City

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CHPD BULLETIN

CHPD is up and running

It's been just over six months since the City Council decided to organize a police department for Cottonwood Heights, enabling the city to self-provide the most important service for which a city is responsible, law enforcement. Since that council meeting early this year, in which the decision was made (following many months of study, discussion, and debate), much has been accomplished. Most notable is the number of employees now occupying the expanded City offices. Employees have increased by 200%, going from 20 to 60 in the six months. Every new hire has gone through an extensive interview and vetting process. There are now 34 sworn police officers working for Cottonwood Heights Police Department (CHPD), along with four civilian employees.

They began officially providing law enforcement for the city on Labor Day, September 1, 2008.

(Photos and Bios of CHPD employees are on pages 4 and 5 of this issue.)

This change suggests a need for information regarding what the citizens of Cottonwood Heights might expect in the coming months and some observations regarding the creation of CHPD. A potpourri of issues and information is explored in this NEWS JOURNAL. Bring yourself up to date by perusing the following:

- Residents have an opportunity to get acquainted with the new officers and tour the police department during the Safety Fair on Thursday, September 11, from 6 pm to 7 pm (see additional information on the Safety Fair on the back page of this NEWS JOURNAL).

- CHPD has 34 of the finest police officers in the state to serve the residents of the City. Most have received commendations from previous employers and have specialty skills that enhance the quality of law enforcement they provide.
- All four of the civilian employees are veterans in their respective assignments. Residents of Cottonwood Heights can be confident that once they have spoken with one of the civilian staff about a situation it will be resolved.
- A HEADS UP - Statistics from the past few months suggest law enforcement has been somewhat lax leading up to the transition. The new officers will be more diligent

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Emergency Preparedness Tip for September

When planning and organizing a personal or family 72 hour kit for emergency preparedness, food and water are primary considerations. There are some issues with food that should be taken into consideration as one prepares supplies for their needs during the hours immediately following a life threatening disaster.

The following guidelines will help in the selection of foods that work best in an emergency. You should select food:

1. the family is accustomed to eating.
2. with a long shelf-life.
3. that does not require cooking.
4. with a low salt content (so eating will not enhance thirst).

One should also be aware that enough food to support the family for as many as 14 days following an emergency should be available.



Presents the
2nd Annual Adult Classic Tennis Tournament
September 15th - 21st, 22nd - 23rd, 2008
NO SUNDAY PLAY

Registration Opens: Aug. 5
Registration Deadline: Sept. 6

Men and Women NTPR of 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, Singles, Doubles/Mixed.

For details go to www.utahtennis.com, TennisLink ID #257706408, pick up a brochure at a local tennis facility or call the Tournament Director, Charlene Peterson, at 801.943.3190 ext. 0.



COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS
PARKS & RECREATION SERVICE AREA

Sanctioned by USTA/Utah Tennis

HELP NAME THE NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

One of the first goals for the Superintendent and School Board of the new east side school district is to adopt a formal name and you can help with that process. You have until September 12 at 5 p.m. to submit your recommendation for the name at www.nameourdistrct.com. The person submitting the winning entry will win a "special prize."

Following the deadline, all residents of the east side district are encouraged to visit the name our district website and vote on their choice of the names submitted. Voting will end on September 26 at 5 p.m. The newly elected School Board will then chose the name from the eight top vote-getters. The new name and logo will be unveiled at an event to be announced in mid-October. Additional information is available at www.nameourdistrct.com.



"SIGN UP FOR CERT"

The next scheduled CERT training is fast approaching but there is still time to enroll. Call 944-7000 or visit: www.unifiedfire.org to sign up. The cost is \$30 which pays for a helmet, vest, first aid gear, and textbook.

CERT will train you to be a productive volunteer, prepared to help your family and your neighborhood in the event of an emergency. Severe snow storms, power outages, and earthquakes are all possibilities in Cottonwood Heights; and emergency personnel will likely not be available for a few hours. CERT is an opportunity for you to "fill the gap" effectively and efficiently as you use the skills you learn at CERT training class.

Training is scheduled for Saturdays, October 18 and 25, a full day each, and one-half day on Saturday, November 1st. All training will be at the Cottonwood Heights City offices in the Council Chambers on the third floor. CERT is taught by Unified Fire Authority. Topics addressed include: Awareness, Fire Safety, Emergency Medical Skills, Emergency Organizational Skills, and even Light Search and Rescue procedures.

REGISTER TODAY, TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!!!

Already trained? Then register for advanced training at Skill Days scheduled for September 13, 20, and 27 and for the Disaster Simulation on Saturday, October 11. Call UFA (743-7150) for information.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

This month we're proud to recognize residents and others, affiliated in some way with Cottonwood Heights, for honors they have received through their vocation, avocation, or school. The NEWS JOURNAL is committed to informing readers of personal and professional accomplishments and of noteworthy efforts to help others. Congratulations to those so recognized this month:

Lorraine Turner – If you have attended Butlerville Days, an Easter Egg Hunt, or most any other event sponsored by the city, you have benefited from Lorraine's willingness to give of her time for the enjoyment of others. Those who work on the various event committees in our city are well aware of

Lorraine and her dedication to "helping out" with special events. She was recently recognized by Governor Huntsman for her many years of community volunteer effort. The recognition included a visit to the Governor's Mansion and photos with Governor and Mrs. Huntsman.

James Holtkamp – Cottonwood Heights' resident, James Holtkamp, has been honored with the "Peter W. Billings Excellence in Teaching" award from the University of Utah College of Law. Mr. Holtkamp is a partner with Holland & Hart and is an auxiliary professor at the law school. He teaches air pollution control and climate change in the field of environmental law.

Sean D. Reyes – was recently recognized with an "Outstanding 50 Asian Americans in Business

Award" for his success as a litigator for the Parsons, Behle & Latimer Law Firm. Sean is a resident of Cottonwood Heights. He graduated from BYU in 1994 with a Summa Cum Laude BA in English. He subsequently graduated from Univ. of California at Berkeley with a J.D. Degree.

Leighann Gilson – Leighann has been honored by the American Water Works Association for her work on behalf of the "Water for People" program. She is one of only two recipients of this annual award as recognition for achievements of those outside the water profession who demonstrate outstanding service in support of providing better water to people. Leighann lives in Draper and is the wife of Cottonwood Heights' City Engineer, Brad Gilson. We all are benefited by the efforts

of those who keep our water clean.

Linda Dunlavy - Cottonwood Heights' Administrative Services Director and Recorder, Linda Dunlavy, recently completed the course work to become a Certified Municipal Recorder. She attended classes at the "U" over the summer to complete the required course work.

Kory Solorio – Also an employee of the city, Kory has been working as the city's Business License Administrator. She has now taken on additional duties as Deputy City Recorder. She will assist City Recorder Linda Dunlavy with the statutory duties of a City Recorder.



SEPTEMBER CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 2**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, Sept. 9**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, Sept. 16**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, Sept. 23**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting - City Center Open House
- **Tuesday, Sept. 30**
THIS COUNCIL MEETING IS CANCELLED

POLITICAL CANDIDATES TO GATHER

Those running for office, seeking to represent parts of Cottonwood Heights, will be available for one-on-one conversation at an upcoming **“Meet the Candidate”** Open House scheduled for Thursday, October 9. The gathering will take place at the Butler Middle School in the cafeteria and will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Those wishing to meet the candidates are invited to attend.

This event is being sponsored by the Youth City Council of Cottonwood Heights. Candidates for County and State Races have been invited. Watch for next month’s Journal for a list of those candidates who have committed to attend.

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convinced the County Council to use County Open Space and Parks Trust funds to purchase the property and use it for a trailhead and park. We were fortunate this property fit the very narrow constraints of the trust fund’s criteria. This is a good example of how local control of land use achieved a more desirable outcome.

Public comment often advocates that undeveloped private property should remain open space, or that it should be made into a park. In the United States, government cannot force such outcomes unless they are willing to fairly compensate the property owner. Another comment is that a development may alter someone’s view of the mountains. Views are not a protected right and do not meet the standard of protecting public health, safety, or general welfare. These and other similar comments are always welcome, but do not typically meet the legal standard to effect change.

The City not only welcomes, but encourages citizen involvement in land use issues. The City fosters citizen input by routinely exceeding the minimum legal notification requirements to ensure that citizens are aware of potentially controversial development plans in their neighborhoods. The following brief explanation might be helpful in better understanding the land use process.

- If a development is a “permitted use” under the property zoning, the issue is typically handled only by staff and, under certain conditions, the Planning Commission. Limitations on such development are defined by the underlying zoning ordinance; but, typically, there are few such limitations.
- If a development is a “conditional use” under the existing zoning, it must go to the Planning Commission for review. LUDMA outlines the

rare exceptions under which the Planning Commission may deny such a project. However, it does permit the Planning Commission to impose limitations to mitigate the detrimental effects of the project.

- If an owner is seeking to rezone a property to allow for a different use, that rezoning application must go first to the Planning Commission who then makes a recommendation to the City Council on the disposition of the applicant’s request. Any property owner may initiate the rezoning process by filing an application with the city. They are entitled to due process, but the filing of an application does not mean the request will be granted. The City Council has discretionary authority in granting such requests.
 - Prior to or simultaneously with a rezoning request, there may also need to be an application to amend the City’s General Plan, which defines how properties may be developed in the future. Any proposed rezone must be consistent with the General Plan. A copy of the General Plan is available on line or at the City offices.
- Public input is most beneficial in crafting limitations on “conditional use” applications, alterations to the city General Plan defining future expected use of properties, and in determining the appropriateness of a rezoning application. Citizen input is welcome on all land use matters. By being informed about the process and the legal limitations involved in land use decisions, citizen input can be even more effective in assisting the City in balancing the rights of all property owners and ensuring that constitutional rights of all parties are respected.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

Have you wondered how one becomes a School Crossing Guard, or how much they get paid, or how many hours they work? Think about how fun it would be to spend a couple of hours each day in the great outdoors helping protect children, and getting paid for it.

A couple of those questions are answered right here and you can get answers to any other crossing guard questions by contacting HR Director Angela White at City Hall. School Crossing Guards are paid \$30 a day for a couple of hours work; and there is the added perk of getting



personally acquainted with some police officers and many teachers. What a great job!

Just send a letter or email to the city and let them know you are interested in becoming a School Crossing Guard. HR Director Angela White will contact you and answer all your questions. Send a letter today to Angela White, Cottonwood Heights’ HR Director, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., #250, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84047; or email Angela at awhite@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.

CITY TO BE FEATURED IN TV SPOT

Cottonwood Heights is being featured as a “World’s Greatest City” in a 3 minute TV spot in mid-September, and residents and friends are encouraged to tune in. The spot will run three times during the week of September 15 as follows:

- Monday, September 15 at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 17 at 5:30 a.m.
- Friday, September 19 at 6 a.m

The spots will appear on Channel 16, KUPX. More information and other channel selections are available at www.ionline.tv.



Cottonwood Heights
Police Department
(CHPD)



Chief Robby Russo



Assistant Chief Paul Brenneman

September 1, 2008
Officers & Civilians



Sgt. Mark Askerlund



Sgt. David Broadhead



Sgt. Chris Gebhardt



Sgt. Scott Peck



Sgt. Gary M. Young

Beau Babka is well known in Salt Lake County law enforcement. He most recently served as Undersheriff in the County Sheriff's Office. Prior experience includes Chief of Police for South Salt Lake. Beau has also taught at Salt Lake Community College and Columbia College. He has a Masters Degree in Public Administration from BYU and is a graduate of the National FBI Academy. He will be working with CHPD as a Special Assistant to the Chief and will perform various training and public relations functions as assigned by Chief Russo. He is currently the School Officer at Butler Middle School.



Dan Bartlett has been working in the Cottonwood Heights precinct for the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office for the past five years. His work has been primarily as a Detective. He recently received a Sheriff's Star for Professionalism for his work in the arrest of Dr. Stack, known also as "The Candy Man." He has received recognition for his part in a number of high profile arrests during the past three years. Prior to becoming a police officer he worked with "at risk" youth. Dan will continue his duties as a Detective for CHPD.



Mike Brimhall comes to CHPD from the Murray PD where he has worked for the past nine years. He has received SWAT training in both Las Vegas and West Jordan and was a member of the SWAT team at Murray PD. Mike has extensive munitions training, including Chemical Munitions. He has worked on a VICE/DUI assignment where he made over 350 DUI arrests and participated in numerous VICE stings and arrests. He has also been a department instructor for pepper spray, baton use, and various munitions uses in law enforcement. Mike worked as a Juvenile Court Bailiff before becoming a police officer.



Bryce Corriveau is a relative newcomer to law enforcement. He worked two years as a Patrol Officer for Salt Lake City PD before coming to CHPD. Prior to law enforcement Bryce was Executive Administrator at the Utah Boys ranch for eight years. He also served as a Relationship Manager for Wells Fargo Bank. Bryce is a charter member of the Southwest Sunrise Rotary Club and a former board member of the PGA's Nationwide Tournament held each year at Willow Creek Country Club.



Scott Cosgrove is a veteran law enforcement officer with the Box Elder County Sheriff's Office. He is a graduate of the D.A.R.E. Academy and the Utah Crime Scene Academy and spent five years working for an FBI Computer Crimes Against Children Task Force. He has worked as an investigator for the Utah Medical Examiners Office. Scott was a Team Leader on a FEMA body recovery team following Katrina and has appeared on numerous national TV programs on A&E Investigations, ABC 20/20, Inside Edition, etc. He also teaches women's self-defense classes and is a golfer and weight lifter.



Tom Daugherty spent 16 years in the U.S. Army before becoming a police officer. In the army he worked a number of years as a diver on the Navy's Marine Mammals Program in San Diego. He also had two overseas tours, one to Iraq and one to Afghanistan. Following his military career he became a police officer with the El Cajon PD in San Diego. He then moved to Salt Lake City where he worked for one and one-half years with the SLCPD.



Casey Davies law enforcement experience has been with the County Sheriff's Office, Sandy City Police and Taylorsville City Police. He speaks Spanish fluently and is a qualified instructor in Firearms, TASER, Arrest Control, Defensive Tactics, and Impact Weapons. He has worked as a Field Training Officer and has been a Special Weapons and Tactics Officer for the past six years. Casey has also worked as a School Resource Officer and most recently as an Investigator and SWAT member. He will work as a Corporal on patrol with CHPD.



Ken Eatchel started in law enforcement 12 years ago with the Utah Department of Corrections. A year later he joined the West Jordan PD as a K-9 Officer. He has most recently been assigned to the Joint Criminal Apprehension Team (JCAT Fugitive Task Force) in the Warrants Division at West Jordan PD. Ken has been a K-9 Instructor for Police Officers Standards and Training (POST) for nine years. He will be working with the K-9 unit for CHPD.



Brian Eschtruth is a Michigan native who moved to Utah in 1995. He attended the "U" and UVSC and graduated from the UVSC Police Academy in 2005. His law enforcement employment has been with the San Juan County Sheriff's Office where he has been stationed in Bluff, UT for the past three years. He has three years experience in handling a variety of law enforcement issues.



Corbett Ford has spent the last three and one-half years as a Detective in the Cottonwood Heights' Precinct of the County Sheriff's Office. His duties have included a monthly presentation to the City Council on the previous month's law enforcement activity. Corbett has an Associate Degree from SLCC Criminal Justice program and he is currently pursuing a BA in Criminal Justice Management. His previous law enforcement experience includes six years as an investigator in the Utah Division of Youth Corrections and as a member of the Salt Lake Metro Gang Task Force. He has also worked for the West Valley City PD as a Detective on the Division Youth Squad.



Mike Galiati left the insurance business nine years ago to become a police officer. He began with West Jordan PD and remained there until his recent decision to move to CHPD. His duties have included community policing and the bike patrol. Mike has a BA in Psychology and Public Service from UCLA, an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from SLCC, and a MS in Management from the American College. He is an active board member and past president of the Utah Peace Officers Association and is a member of the Utah Law Enforcement Legislative Committee.



Nick Garcia is one of the younger members of CHPD, having graduated from POST in 2006. He worked for Taylorsville City PD for the past two years, where he was assigned as a School Resource Officer at Eisenhower Jr. High School. He will work as a Patrol officer for CHPD.



Polly Harris is a Triathlon and Martial Arts athlete who works as a police officer. She recently worked for the University of Utah PD and was a member of the Salt Lake County Search and Rescue Team. Before law enforcement, Polly completed a BS Degree in Computer Science and worked as a software engineer for 15 years. She spent two years in Switzerland programming software for Swissair.



Barry Larsen began working in law enforcement in 1988 with Salt Lake City PD. His work there included various patrol assignments and the K-9 unit. He is certified as a police narcotics dog handler and instructor. He was also selected to be part of a mounted patrol officer program where the officers used horses at public parks events. During his 20 years with SLCPD he received numerous commendations and awards, including the Chief’s Meritorious Service Award. Barry will work as a K-9 Officer with CHPD.



Todd Leiendecker served in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years and was in Operation Desert Storm (Kuwait). He began law enforcement with the Utah Department of Corrections where he was assigned to the Special Operations/K-9 Unit. A few years ago he left Corrections and became a police officer for Sandy City PD. In Sandy he worked on patrol, and as a SWAT member. He has been an instructor at the Police and Corrections Academy for several years teaching Defensive Tactics and Firearms.



Marcos Lopez worked in the Salt Lake County Sheriff’s Office for 20 years. He began as a Corrections Officer at the County Jail, where he was also a medic and became a Corporal. He then worked as a Patrol Officer, with five years as a School Resource Officer at Olympus High School. Marcos has attended both SLCC and Weber State College and is currently working toward a degree in Criminal Justice. He is sports enthusiast and has umpired and coached baseball and softball for many years.



Heath Lowry was introduced in last month’s NEWS JOURNAL because he has been a contract worker for the city as the Project Manager in the creation of CHPD. Heath will work as a Corporal for CHPD. He has been with the Salt Lake County Sheriff’s Office for the past 15 years where he worked on the Major Accident Team and in the Communications Division. His most recent assignment was as a Patrol Officer and Traffic Investigator in the Cottonwood Heights Precinct. Prior to becoming a police officer he served in the U. S. Army for nine years as a bomb technician.



Randy Maurer is a native of Pennsylvania, but has lived in Utah most of his life. He graduated from Olympus High and then went back to Pennsylvania to earn an Associate Degree in Computer Science. His law enforcement career began with West Valley City PD in 1995. He worked primarily on Patrol and in the Traffic Division and was promoted to Sergeant after eight years on the force. Randy accepted a Corporal position with CHPD and will work in the Detective Division. His wife is a Patrol Sergeant with West Valley PD.



Christopher McHugh recently moved to Utah following six years as a member of the U.S. Air Force Security Forces. He was stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico and was deployed to Iraq on two occasions working as a Convoy Commander and Patrol Leader. He left the Air Force in 2006 and has been working as a Patrol Officer for the Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Department in New Mexico. He moved to Utah with his wife who is a (T) Sgt in the Air Force and is stationed at Hill AFB.



Jodi Nix has an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from American Public University. She has worked for seven years in law enforcement for the Wasatch County Sheriff’s Dept., Heber City Police Dept., and Park City Police Dept. She also has experience as an Adult Probation and Parole Officer and as a Contract Sgt. For the 75th Security Forces at Hill AFB. Jodi is trained in narcotics and gang problems and will work as a Patrol Officer for CHPD.



Steve Olson has 24 years service with SLCPD. While there he worked Vice, Narcotics, and Street Crime enforcement. He became a Detective with the Metro Narcotics Strike Force and worked undercover. He was a Detective in the Youth Division and as a School Resource Officer at West High School. Following SLCPD he joined the Draper City PD where he worked Patrol and later as a Detective. Steve is trained in Child Sex Assault Forensic Interviewing and Homicide, Identity Theft, Auto Theft, and Fraud Investigations.



Jeff Potter is a four year veteran of the U.S. Army where he was assigned to the 101st Airborne as an Infantry Team Leader and a Flight Operations Specialist. He has a BA Degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology from Columbia College. He has spent the past five years in law enforcement with the Salt Lake County Sheriff’s Office where he worked patrol and as a Property Crimes Investigator. Jeff also has over 200 hours of drug training and was a member of the Crisis Intervention Team.



Troy Rasmussen is a resident of Cottonwood Heights and has been in law enforcement for 16 years with the Sandy City PD. During that time he has worked Patrol, Motorcycle, Narcotics, and he spent two years as a Detective with the Drug Enforcement Administration. Prior to employment with Sandy, Troy was a Corrections Officer at the Utah State Prison and attended Weber State University. He, along with a fellow officer, is credited with discovering Elizabeth Smart and her abductor on State Street in Sandy.



Scott Ricks is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. He attended Long Beach City College, SLCC, and USU and began his law enforcement career with the Long Beach PD. He moved to Utah and has worked for the West Jordan PD. His law enforcement experience includes: Patrol, K-9, SWAT, Investigations, and Training. He was most recently a Corporal with the Saratoga Springs PD, and will work as a Corporal on patrol with CHPD.



Chad Soffe started his career in law enforcement at 16 when he became a Murray City Police Cadet. He later attended POST at SLCC and became a volunteer Reserve Officer for Murray City PD. He earned a BS Degree from the “U” in Sociology and Criminology and in 1988 became a Deputy with Salt Lake County Sheriff’s Office. During his service as a Deputy he has worked on Patrol, with the Motorcycle Squad, as Helicopter Air Support, and in the Detective Division on Burglary and Fraud cases. He left the Sheriff’s Office this year and is now a CHPD Officer.



Lisa Tebben has worked the last two years in the Cottonwood Heights Precinct of the Sheriff’s office as a Property Crimes Investigator and on Patrol. She became a County Corrections Officer and Medic over 11 years ago to begin her law enforcement career. In 1997 she became a Deputy and has worked as a Patrol Officer, Detective, and in the Transportation Unit and Ankle Monitoring Program.



James Woods began his public service career as an EMT and later with the Bountiful City Fire Dept. He became a police officer for Centerville City in 1995 and shortly after was certified as an Accident Reconstructionist. He is also certified in Photogrammetry and Motorcycle operation. He will serve on the CHPD Major Accident Team. Other law enforcement experience includes: Mountain Bike Patrol, Field Training Officer, and Accident Investigation.



Deb Parkin is working as a Crime Scene Investigator for CHPD. For the past 15 years she has worked in the Salt Lake County Sheriff’s Office Crime Lab. She has investigated crime scenes from homicides to graffiti. Deb’s training includes the FBI Academy at Quantico, VA where she studied Forensic Photography and Digital Imaging. She has also had Advanced Fingerprint Training, Bloodstain and Bullet Pattern Evidence Analysis, and Basic and Advanced Crime Scene Investigation. She has also taught Crime Scene Processing at the Sheriff’s Office Corrections Academy.



Gina Talbot comes to Cottonwood Heights with many years of administrative/secretarial experience. She worked as the office manager and personal secretary to the Mayor and CAO of Sandy City for 14 years; and as the executive secretary to the Director of the State Office of Recovery Services for 16 years. Gina is an avid runner and participates in several organized marathons, half-marathons and relay races each year. She will be the Administrative Assistant to Chief Russo.



Renita Pullman will be a familiar face for those who have visited the Cottonwood Heights Precinct of the Sheriff’s Office during the past five years. Her assignment with the Sheriff’s Office was as Division Secretary and her assignment with CHPD will be much the same. She has also worked in the Sheriff’s Office Records Division and was on the support staff to the Security Command Center at the Speed Skating Oval during the Olympics. She has prior experience as an employee of the Granite School District and has been involved with the Boy Scouts for 21 years.



Sheila Jennings is a 24 year veteran as a civilian law enforcement employee. She was with West Jordan PD for 20 years. During that time she worked as a Dispatcher, Alarm Monitor, Records Technician, Supervisor and Crime Prevention Specialist. She currently attends SLCC and is a resident of Cottonwood Heights. Her title with CHPD is Police Support Specialist and her duties in a three civilian office will vary.



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Who needs a building permit anyway?

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As with all cities, Cottonwood Heights requires building permits for certain construction projects. While it is true that not all projects need permits, some projects thought to be exempt from permits may not be; and building without a permit can result in legal and construction difficulties.

There are many reasons why building permits are required for new construction, the primary one being safety. Cottonwood Heights employs a Chief Building Official (CBO), a building plans reviewer, and a building inspector. The CBO is responsible to ensure that new construction takes place within the guidelines set by the International Building Code (IBC). The IBC contains all safety standards for building anything from a rear yard deck to a high rise building. To ensure that new construction meets these guidelines, the CBO and staff review building plans prior to construction. They then visit the site to perform inspections during construction to make certain that the approved plans and the reality of the structure being built are the same. The CBO, the plans examiner and the inspector are all licensed by the State of Utah to review plans and perform inspections. Reviewing plans and making frequent inspections by certified inspectors on job sites is the only way

the CBO can ensure that new construction is built to the current safety standards of the IBC.

A few examples of seemingly benign



Jody Hilton (above) is the Cottonwood Heights' Chief Building Official (CBO)

construction projects, that have the potential to be dangerous when not in compliance with current standards, are: outdoor pools, decks, basement remodels, kitchen expansions, and retaining walls. All are real to life and have the potential to cause property damage, or worse, personal injury and even loss of life.

Cottonwood Heights also has unique geography such as flood zones, liquefaction potential, earthquake fault lines, landslide potential, and steep slopes to name just a few. Building anywhere in the city can present problems that may manifest themselves during times of natural disaster. This is another reason the IBC was adopted by the City and also why a certified CBO and staff are employed.

So, why must one buy a building permit? In short, Cottonwood Heights wants to ensure the safety of its citizens through correct

construction procedures. The IBC has been accepted as a tool to Achieve this end; however, in order to use the tool a review of building plans and inspection is essential. Citizen cooperation is necessary to do this. All are asked to contact the city building department to inquire whether a given construction project requires a building permit.

For more information on building permits, please contact Cottonwood Heights Building Department at:

Chief Building Official:
Jody Hilton
557-6843

Plans Examiner:
Myron Williams
550-4324

Building Inspector:
James Short
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Building Clerk:
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Cottonwood Heights website as a tool

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Cottonwood Heights' city website provides residents access to a wide range of information and tools. Residents are able to find their zoning classification, access zoning codes, review meeting minutes and agendas, request records, and download city maps. Residents can also sign up for "email notifications" about upcoming events and city meetings. Using this tool effectively helps residents stay active and abreast of city issues.

A system of informational forms (FYI forms) is now being developed to provide answers to questions regarding planning, zoning, and the development process. FYI forms will be easy to read and are meant to answer basic questions about zoning codes and the application process for planning, zoning and building permits. These forms will soon be downloadable as PDF files under the "planning" section of the website.

Long-term planning information is also available by

accessing the city's General Plan. The General Plan is a written document adopted by the City Council. It provides direction and goals for city planners and the Planning Commission.

Ordinance enforcement is also made easier through an online citizen comment and reporting system. Through the e-better place comment platform on the city's main webpage, residents are able to contact zoning enforcement officers about specific concerns without ever setting foot in City Hall.

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GIS Day

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As part of National Geography week, November 19, 2008 will mark the 10th anniversary of GIS Day. GIS Day is an opportunity for people to discover how Geography impacts many decisions we make. It is sponsored primarily by the Association of American Geographers, Hewlett-Packard, the Library of Congress, the National Geographic Society, Sun Microsystems, the United States Geological Survey, the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science, and Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI).

GIS Day is celebrated internationally in a variety of ways. In the Salt Lake Valley there is opportunity for Elementary School classes or school age groups to attend a two-hour presentation at the Sandy Salt Lake Community College, Larry Miller Campus. Transportation grants for this event are available through the Utah Geographic Information Council (UGIC). For more information about this event and the UGIC grant please contact Kevin Sato, Cottonwood Heights GIS Specialist, at 970-7070 or ksato@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.

For general information about GIS Day please visit www.esri.com/news/arcnews/summer08/articles/gis-day-celebrates.html.

For information about other GIS Day events in your area please visit www.gisday.com/events/index.html

(GIS is the acronym for Geographic Information Systems and is a tool used by Cottonwood Heights to map and monitor the city's building environment and its unique attributes.)

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Using GIS in Cottonwood Heights

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GIS is the acronym for Geographic Information System. What exactly is a GIS? It is a system of computer programs that analyze and display data in the form of maps and reports.

Almost 95% of geographic data has some kind of identification component, like an address or street coordinate. A GIS is used to show this kind of data in a map or to analyze different kinds of data and show the analysis in a map. For instance, using a GIS one can create a map that shows all multi-level buildings that contain a total floor space of over 10,000 sq. ft., and are located in a commercial zone, near a large water-main. Not only can the GIS create the map but it can also produce a report that gives the building owner's contact and other information.

In Cottonwood Heights the GIS is used in a variety of ways. Such as:

- helping ensure that development is done consistent with existing zoning, ordinances, and

the General Plan

- Maintenance and inventory reports of city infrastructure such as street lights, storm drain systems, and ADA ramps
- helping to provide better customer service by verifying addresses on complaints and questions
- helping to provide detailed maps for events and informational purposes
- helping to better understand actual conditions to aid in the development process
- determining which residents and/or property owners need to receive notifications about an event based on their proximity to the event. An example is shown below



residential parcels within 1000 ft of event at park

One project we are working on is an update of the Hillside Overlay Ordinance. As part of this project, aerial photos from the 1950s were obtained and scanned into the GIS. This enabled staff and consultants to see how the city looked in the 1950s as compared to now. The GIS allows staff and consultants to analyze historically the topography of the city and determine where development may have hidden or masked potential hillside issues.

A GIS is a living system. As Cottonwood Heights matures, more data will be added to the GIS to help to support and explore the changing needs of the city and its inhabitants. The city is currently adding 3-Dimensional data to the GIS which allows staff to better understand how new development and redevelopment might effect the surrounding area.

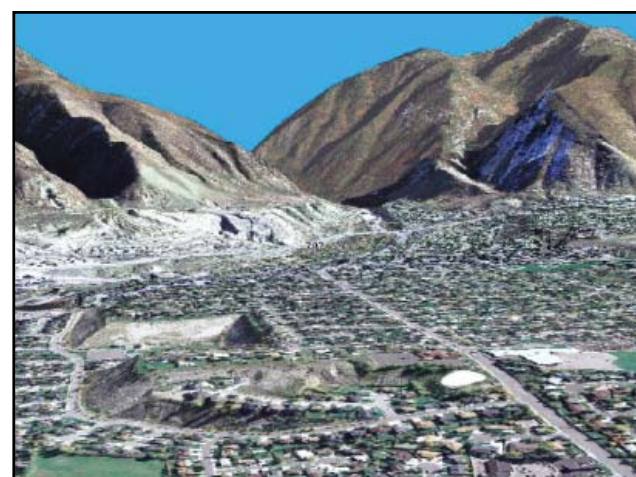
If you have questions about GIS and how it can be best utilized by the City and its' citizens, please feel free to contact the City GIS Specialist Kevin Sato at 944-7070.



3000 East Fort Union ca. 1950



3000 East Fort Union in 2007



3D view of Cottonwood Heights at 3000 East Fort Union in 2007

Fort Union Boulevard reconstruction

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Cottonwood Heights is bidding the reconstruction of Fort Union Boulevard between 1300 East and Highland Drive. However, along with gas prices, the cost of asphalt has risen sharply and is significantly impacting this project. It may not even be possible to acquire the necessary materials. In response to the current market conditions, two possible bid options are being offered to bidders. One option is to construct the asphalt roadway next spring, hoping asphalt prices drop and supply availability improves. The other option is to use concrete instead of asphalt. Concrete is historically more expensive and takes longer to construct; however, it also lasts longer.

The City hopes the asphalt method can be used as it is a new process that promises a longer lasting road. The Full-Depth Reclamation

(FDR) process grinds the existing pavement and about 10 inches of the road-base into a material that is mixed with an emulsion chemical and recompact to produce a strong, longer lasting, road-base. The road is then paved with a "Superpave" material, rather than traditional asphalt, and the road is re-graded so the outside lane has less of a cross-slope.

If asphalt prices are competitive, the FDR process is a faster, less expensive way to build a road. Each lane can be rebuilt in one day! However, traffic control measures will need to be in place for a longer period because construction crews have to upgrade ADA ramps and raise manholes and water valves. Another important point is that each signal on Fort Union now uses photo detection so the signal will operate normally during construction. It isn't necessary to wait until loops are cut into the asphalt

before the signal returns to normal function. This will help minimize delay.

It was originally hoped to complete this project by early July, but the shortage of asphalt has caused delays. The targeted completion date is now mid-November. There is also the possibility it will have to wait until spring, depending on the availability of materials. Anyone having questions is invited to contact the city.

Save The Date!
September 23,
2008

City Center Master Plan Open House and Public Meeting

1265 E. Fort Union Ste. 250

City to hold open house for potential City Center plan

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The original general plan for the City was completed in 2005, at which point it was identified through public scoping and many public meetings that the ideal location for a civic center would be the recently closed Cottonwood Heights Elementary School; this is the location of the proposed City Center master plan. The plan is still in fluid form, so your comments are welcome and will be helpful in determining the eventual form and function of the plan.

The school is an ideal location due to its centrality in the City. The site is also between numerous already established civic uses – Brighton High School, Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center and Butler Middle School. In addition,

the site has one of the largest outdoor playing areas in the City which the City Center could compliment. The proposed master plan would not only preserve the open space that already exists, but it is possible that the plan could also add acres of open space to the existing playing fields.

The planning commission and City Council have reviewed the plan and now it is your turn to review the plan and comment on its appropriateness to your City Council.

Please plan to attend an open house for the City Center Master Plan on September 23, 2008 from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM and a public comment meeting starting at 7:00 PM at the current City Offices located at 1265 E. Fort Union Blvd. Ste. 250.



CHPD BULLETIN *Cont'd PG 1*

and dedicated in their work and will be enforcing the law more stringently within our city. Obey the law and you won't be ticketed.

- There has been a significant increase in "open garage" burglaries in recent weeks. Keep your garages shut and locked to protect your belongings. CHPD will be aggressively searching for garage burglars.
- CHPD personnel already appear like any other police department: a broad spectrum of ages and backgrounds, male and female, relative newcomers and veterans. All of the niches have been filled with talented, experienced officers anxious to be part of a new, progressive City and police department.
- CHPD uniforms and equipment are freshly designed to be both practical and attractive.

- Cottonwood Heights has aggressively sought agreements with surrounding cities and agencies for SWAT, CSI, etc., as CHPD has evolved.
- Residents can be part of what's new with the City by organizing and participating in Neighborhood Watch and Night-Out-Against-Crime events. A call to the PD will provide the information required to be actively involved in law enforcement.
- All that has been accomplished during the past six months has been done approximately \$400,000 under the budget recommended by the consultants who proposed the original organization plan. This has been done while adding one more officer to the department.

PUBLIC WORKS - The Asphalt Conundrum

The cost of oil and its impact on Cottonwood Heights' Public Works projects is discussed in some detail on page 7 of this NEWS JOURNAL. At this time there is only one significant road project planned for September. That is the application of a new asphalt overlay on Highland Drive from Forest Creek Lane (*at the bottom of the hill*) to Creek Road. According to City Public Works Director/Deputy City Manager Kevin Smith, "The Highland Drive repave project shouldn't take more than a week. The road will be milled for an overlay in one day, then after two or three days wait, they will apply the new asphalt. That shouldn't take more than a couple of days. The road is wide, so two lanes of traffic in each direction should be available during the project."

A second project has begun, but it has no impact on traffic. The Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail (*from I-215 to 3000 East, through the Old Mill Corporate Center*) is on schedule and will be completed sometime in September.



NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

The School Board is elected, a Superintendent is hired, office space has been identified, and the clock is ticking toward July 1, 2009, when the new district becomes operational. Between now and then, the eight people chosen to lead the new district, along with the many other stakeholders (teachers, administrators, non-teaching employees, students, parents, political leaders, etc.), and ad hoc committees chosen by the school board, will devote countless hours to assembling all the parts of this new education venture. The ultimate goal is a smooth running education system that is designed to provide better education for our children.

The new Superintendent, David S. Doty, J.D., Ph.D. was selected by the new school board on August 19, and will officially begin on September 8. Dr. Doty outlined a series of short-term and long-term goals to the east side school board, city leaders, transition teams, and other interested stakeholders at a recent "get acquainted" meeting held at Sandy City. Dr. Doty discussed immediate goals, to be achieved in a matter of weeks;

11-month goals, to be achieved before the 2009-10 school year begins; and over-riding goals, the principles that will provide direction to his administration and should be measurable in five years. The latter three goals are summarized as:

1. Create a world-class learning system that is student focused and will be seen as a "lighthouse" of education excellence
2. Attract and retain the brightest and best talent available to teach, administer, and facilitate the new district
3. Constantly seek to forge consensus about the direction the new district should take

Dr. Doty 's education includes a BS in Spanish from BYU, a Master's in Education from Stanford, a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and a J.D. Law Degree, both from BYU. His work experience has included high school teacher, education law attorney, and his most recent position as Assistant Commissioner and Director of Policy Studies for the Utah System of Higher Education.

9/11 Safety Fair

A Multi-faceted Safety Fair, sponsored by the City, will be held on Thursday, September 11, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Activities are scheduled in the parking lot at the City offices and will feature Emergency Preparedness, Fire Safety, and Law Enforcement.

FREE TACOS from Pistol Pete's are available to those who get their Safety Pass stamped by three vendors. There will also be child ID kits, FREE Bicycle Helmets, and a bounce house for the kids.

Arrive early, between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., and enjoy a tour through the new CHPD facilities. See the evidence and interrogation rooms and much of the new equipment.

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PUBLIC SAFETY FAIR



September 11th 6-8pm

where:

The City Office 1265 East Ft. Union

Vendors and public agencies such as Rocky Mountain Power and Unified Fire Authority, etc. will be on hand with displays and demonstrations to help educate young and old on emergency preparedness and effective safety and health procedures.



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